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MR. MORTON IN WASHINGTON

The Vice President Getting Acquainted With the Congressmen.

THE CABINET ALL BUT CHOSEN.

Blaine Said to Be One of the Elect, While Neither Platte Nor Miller Are on the Slate.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.

Vice President-elect Morton spent this afternoon on the floor of the two houses of congress. He was escorted about and introduced by Representative William Walter Phelps, of New Jersey. Mr. Morton looked well and seemed very happy in his work of meeting the legislators, and frankly told the statesmen as they were introduced that he was "getting the hang of the barn," so that he might be competent to take the chair of the president of the senate on the 4th of March. He occupied a lounge on the republican side of the senate for an hour or more, during which time Mr. Phelps brought to him and presented the various republican and democratic senators who were not engrossed in the tariff debate. The last man Mr. Morton talked to in the senate was Mr. Quay. The chairman of the republican national committee was writing at his desk when Mr Morton called to him familiarly, and he went over and sat down beside the distinguished New Yorker. For fifteen minutes the future ranking officer of the senate and the head of the republican national committee had their heads together. Mr. Quay explained the formation of the committees and the reorganization of the senate generally, and added a little political information. In the house Mr. Morton also lingered on the republican side, and held quite a levee. At one time there was a large crowd of republican and democratic members clustered about him, and they were greeted as warmly as if they were old friends. Mrs. Morton accompanies her husband, and they will remain in the city until the vice president-elect feels that he has acquired all the information he desires in relation to the duties of the presiding officer of the senate, and rented a residence. Those who met Mr. Morton this afternoon were impressed with his eminent executive ability, and predict that he will be a success in the office he is to occupy after the presidential inauguration. Mr. and Mrs. Morton are stopping at the same hotel at which are Mr and Mrs. Blaine. To-morrow night Senator Hiscock will give a dinner in honor of Mr. Morton, and among his guests will be Mr. Blaine and Mr. Phelps.

CABINET SPECULATIONS.

Since the meeting of the electors on last Monday President-elect Harrison has accomplished something in the way of formulating ideas as to the make-up of his cabinet. He has come to the conclusion that it would be unwise to take any man from the senate, and points to the fact that President Cleveland in calling three senators to cabinet positions weakened his party representation in the upper house of congress to such an extent that he labored under great disadvantages from the very outset to the present time. President Harrison does not want to give the treasury portfolio to New York, and if he were inclined to tender a position in his cabinet to his own state, it would be to Colonel John C. New, who has given him to understand that he neither expects nor desires a cabinet place. If the New York demands and complications were settled, the cabinet could be filled within twenty-four hours at any time now, although no man has been selected or given the slightest intimation that he will be offered a place in the cabinet. There are to be no positions in the cabinet tendered under four or five weeks, and then they will all be extended to the men desired, at one time. Mr. Blaine will be one of the chosen few. There can be no doubt now of that, barring accidents, incidents and unnatural changes of mind. Mr. Wannamaker is another who will have a position tendered to him. Just at this time neither Platt nor Miller is on the slate, and unless there is a consolidation on one or the other, neither will be chosen. If the bill creating a department out of the bureau of agriculture becomes a law, ex-Governor Rusk, of Wisconsin, will likely be asked to take that place.

A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

The practical election of Mr. D. W. Washburn to succeed Senator Sabin recalls the famous contested election case of Ignatius Donnelly against Mr. Washburn in the Forty-sixth congress, Donnelly having contested for the election of United States senator in the caucuses of the Minnesota legislature yesterday. Mr. Washburn was elected to the Forty-sixth congress, and Mr. Donnelly claimed that he had been deprived of election by several thousand votes secured by the liberal use of Mr. Washburn's money. Mr. Donnelly's attorney in Washington was the famous "Big" Finley, the confidential agent of Samuel J. Tilden during that gentleman's life time. Mr. Springer was chairman of the committee on elections. One night when Mr. Springer was hastily summoned to New York, a messenger called at his house and delivered a mysterious package, which, on being opened, proved to be a letter intimating that if Mr. Springer would throw his influence, as chairman of the committee, in favor of Donnelly, it would prove greatly to his financial benefit. When Mr. Springer learned of this attempt to bribe him he turned against Donnelly and supported Washburn. The matter was promptly brought before the house, but as Mrs. Springer was unable to identify the messenger who brought the package, and as nothing could be proved against Mr. Donnelly or Mr. Finley, the investigation had to end. It is a striking coincidence that Donnelly should again, after the lapse of more than a decade, turn up as Mr. Washburn's contestant to a seat in congress.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The republicans of Nebraska and Wisconsin have set a good example to their neighbors in New York state by concluding the controversy over the cabinet appointments and reaching a satisfactory agreement. In Wisconsin it is understood that the names of Governor Rusk and Henry C. Payne shall be presented to the president-elect, who will be informed that Rusk will not accept any position but that of secretary of war or secretary of agriculture, and that Payne will not accept any position but that of postmaster general. If General Harrison desires a postmaster general, or secretary of war, or secretary of agriculture from Wisconsin, he will not have to look any further. In Nebraska the situation is similar. Governor Furnas desires to be secretary of agriculture, but wants nothing else, and John M. Thurston would like to be secretary of the interior. Their friends have simply said to General Harrison that if he is willing to give the interior department to Nebraska, Thurston wants it, and if he wants to give Nebraska the agricultural department, Furnas is the man. Just who these solicitous friends are is not stated.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. J. Allen Foster, of Iowa, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, made an argument to-day before the senate committee on the District of Columbia, in favor of Senator Platt's bill providing for prohibition within this district. Mrs. Foster talked at great length of the efficiency of the prohibition law in Iowa and Kansas, and quoted Governors Larrabee and Martin, of those states, respectively, as to the success of prohibition there.

This evening's Critic says: "Owing to the illness of Representative Laird, the Laird pure food bill, which was reported favorably to the house last session, it is understood, will not be taken up for consideration this session. It will have to wait till next congress before it can pass the house."

ARMY ORDERS.

[illegible] posed by a general court martial November 22, 1888, is remitted in the case of Joseph E. Dagons, late private in troop D, Ninth cavalry, and he will be released from confinement at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Private George Cushing, Company B, Twenty-first infantry, now in confinement at Fort Leavenworth, is discharged without a character, from the service of the United States; to date August 6, 1885.

The muster into service of Stephen W. Groesbeck as second lieutenant of the Fourth Iowa cavalry volunteers, to date November 1, 1861, is amended to take effect October 5, 1862, and he is mustered for pay in said grade during the period embraced between the aforesaid dates. PERRY S. HEATH.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions granted Nebraskans. Original invalids—Aldine B. Prince, Lincoln; Alfred Williams, Chadron. Increase—Dennis Purcell, Fort Omaha; Charles R. Walker, Bromfield; Alexander Loomis, Box Butte. Original widows—Elizabeth J., widow of Robert Wright, Nebraska City.

Pensions for Iowans. Original invalid—Richard B. Wilkinson, Livingston; Luther May, Mason City. Increase—Roger N. Webster, Atlantic; Scott Morgan, Hopeville; Theodore B. Gould, Rock Rapids; John B. Maxfield, New Hampton; Martin Schmitz, Mount Pleasant; Frances H. Davis, Pleasonton; George W. Carpenter, Corning; Walter Case, Burr Oak; Charles Dakeshire, Coburg; John S. Howard, Sac City. Original widows, etc.—Sarah, widow of James M. Johnson, Clarinda; Ann Edwards, former widow of James Martin, Mount Pleasant.

Dakota Democrats Disgusted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A delegation from both South and North Dakota, and other prominent democrats of South Dakata, who have been urging the passage of the senate bill for the admission of South Dakota, feel much dissatisfied with the Springer omnibus bill, which passed the house to-day. They are all united in saying that it will merely serve to delay the admission of South Dakota and render useless all that has been done since the organization of the movement for admission five years ago. They are asking the senate to reject it, and are willing to take their chances with the new congress, hoping that an extra session will be called by the president-elect when he takes his office.

Swaim's Examination Concluded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—General Swaim, before the army retiring board this afternoon, requested to be allowed to make a statement to the board alone; so the doors were closed and the spectators excluded.

The examination was concluded this afternoon and the board adjourned sine die. They will make a report to the secretary of war to-morrow, and the case will then be prepared for the president's action. It is understood that the board will report, in favor of General Swaim's retirement, notwithstanding some members are said to be of the opinion that his present disabilities are not enough to incapacitate him from active service.

Morton Visits the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—This afternoon Vice President-elect Morton visited the capitol and held quite a levee in the lobby of the house. He was introduced to the members by Representative Phelps, who afterwards accompanied him to the senate, where he was warmly greeted. Mr. Morton is looking about the city for a desirable residence, but has so far failed to find one suitable. In answer to a suggestion on the subject, he said he did not desire to buy or build a home here.

Utah and Statehood.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Governor West, of Utah, was heard by the house committee on territories to-day in opposition to the admission of Utah territory as a state. He argued that statehood for Utah would entrench Mormons, and he asked what check would there be upon the legislature if the powers of statehood should be granted to Utah. The old non-Mormon residents would have to sell out at a sacrifice and get away, and could not live there then and prosper.

DARING POLITICAL SCHEME.

A Councilmanic Revolution Takes Place in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a remarkable action in the common council last night. The democrats have one majority in that body, but when it was organized last week two of the democratic members voted with the republicans and aided them in making Horace Allen president. At last night's meeting some of the democrats saw that they were in a decided majority, some of the members being absent, and they proceeded to unseat the two democrats who voted with the republicans, and to put stalwarts in their places. They now propose to depose President Allen, there being no provision in the city charter to prevent such action, and put a democrat in the chair. The daring of the scheme rivals anything Tammany ever conceived, and what makes it more exasperating, the citizens' hands are tied. The outcome of it will probably be the ultimate abolishing of that branch of the city council. Sentiment is setting strongly in that direction.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

Excitement in Pittsburg Over Cashier Voigt's Arrest.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 18.—The arrest last night of Voigt, cashier of the defunct Farmers and Mechanics' bank of this city, for the alleged misappropriation of funds amounting to nearly $200,000, caused a great deal of excitement here. Voigt was cashier of the bank for nineteen years. Last April he left the bank to go into other business, and in September the bank failed, a heavy shortage having been discovered. After the suspension an expert was put to work on the books, and the arrest, it is alleged, was made on information received by him. Berg, the present cashier of the bank, said that at the time he first took hold of the books Voigt was given an opportunity to straighten his accounts, but failed to do so. It is stated this morning by a man who has some knowledge of the affairs of the bank, that probably others, outside of the bank, will be found to have been implicated in the wreck.

Editor Shuman Retires.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Governor Shuman, who for nearly thirty-three years has been connected with the Chicago Evening Journal, to-day retired from the editorship of that paper on account of ill health, and the positive orders of his physician. Governor Shuman has not been well for the past two years, and in that time has been compelled to do very little work, the entire management of the firm having been in the hands of Mr. Wilson, the publisher of the paper, and of Mr. Sullivan, its managing editor. In announcing his retirement Governor Shuman says:

"The Journal will continue to be, as for many years it has been, a careful and trustworthy newspaper. Being well assured of this fact, the undersigned drops out of its working force with the same sense of resignation that the head of a family feels when laying down the burdens of his life and is aware that his heirs will prove worthy of the inheritence he leaves behind him."

Mr. Shuman retains his financial interest in the paper and remains president of the Evening Journal company.

Riotous Strikers.

PAUIS, Jan. 18.—The strikers in Oregony have resorted to riotous demonstrations. They set fire to one factory and seriously damaged others. A detachment of soldiers has [illegible] them.

BEARDED HIM IN HIS PALACE

The Herald Man Interviews the Italian Prince,

WHO WANTED TO CHALLENGE HIM

But Americans Dislike Duels and the Scribe Never, No Never, Indulged in Such Amusements.

A Story With a Moral.

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PARIS, Jan. 18.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The Herald correspondent had an interview to-day with the Italian prince who figures in the Homans scandal. The correspondent found the prince surrounded by oriental luxury in the Champs Elysees. "I understand, prince," began the correspondent, "that you have something to say in reference to the articles which have appeared in the Herald."

"Certainly I have," said the prince with hauteur. "Do you know who wrote them?"

"I wrote the articles."

"Do you mean to tell me you wrote those articles about Mrs. Homans and myself?"

"I do."

"And now you have come to see me to—"

"To interview you about them." It took the prince a minute to entirely grasp the situation, then he ejaculated slowly, "Mais mon Dieu! Then you must be the man I have been looking for."

"I suppose," answered the correspondent, and then the prince meditated. He seemed to consider that events had taken an extraordinary turn. "Yes," he resumed, "you must be the man I was looking for, but, ahem, really you know you have quite astonished me by turning up of your own accord. The fact is I was thinking of sending you a couple of seconds with a challenge." All this had been said standing, but here the prince suggested taking seats. Continuing, he said, "But I am told that in America you object to fighting duels. I don't suppose you would accept my challenge should I send you one?"

"No, I would not," was the answer. "In the first place because, as you remarked, we Americans do not believe in that sort of thing, and secondly, because the facts which I mentioned in my articles were already more or less public property."

"You had no right to speak of me as you did, and but for one thing I should hold you responsible," said the prince.

"What is that one thing?"

"The fact that you did not mention my name. The article merely speaks of an Italian prince in Paris. So I can't be sure whom you meant, but if you had spoken of me as the Italian Prince Zurlodo, do you want to know what I should have done?"

"Yes," answered the correspondent, "very much."

"I should have begun by challenging you to fight. If you had refused, I should have waited before the Herald office until I found you, and then I should have spat in your face. After that I should have taken my cane and broken it over your head. Do you comprehend?"

The correspondent said "yes," and shuddered at the danger he had so narrowly escaped. "Now, however," resumed the prince, "it is different. You did not mention my name and I regard you merely as an intermediary who recorded the information given you by others, and for which you were not personally responsible, but mark my words," and a frown settled on the prince's brow, "these gentlemen who inspired the first article have still to settle with me. Here are three of them. I know whom they are. I hereby authorize you to tell them with my compliments that the first time I meet them, be where it may—in the cafe, in the theater, or on the street—I shall offer them a gross public affront."

"Do you believe Homans was aware of your liason with his wife previous to the alleged discovery at Aixlesbairnes?" asked the correspondent.

"Of course he was. Had he seen fit to shoot me immediately on hearing the truth I could not have complained. Such was his right, but he did nothing of the kind; in fact, he remained my pretended friend." Before withdrawing from the noble presence the correspondent ventured the parting question:

"Would you mind telling me, prince, whether the recent unhappy events will interfere with your friendship for the afflicted widow?"

"I should prefer not to answer that question," said his Italian highness, smiling. "A true gentleman is never indiscreet." With that the correspondent took his departure, proud that he had appeased his highborn enemy.

Moral: When a man is looking for you with a sword or pistol, go and interview him.

The East Africa Bill.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The East Africa bill was submitted to the bundesrath to-day. It is titled, "A bill for the protection of German interests, and combatting the slave trade in East Africa." It asks a grant of 2,000,000 marks. The task of the execution of the provisions of the bill is entrusted to a commission, which shall have the right to supervise the proceedings of the West Africa company.

A GAY REVIVALIST.

He Elopes With a Friend's Daughter During a Meeting.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—J. H. Vogt, a Methodist evangelist, who was conducting a big revival in Hiawatha, Kan., eloped while the meeting was at its height with Miss Ida Keiser, the daughter of the minister in whose church the revival was being conducted and came to St. Joseph. The eloping couple represented that they came from Leona, Kan., obtained a marriage license, and quietly left the city.

In the meanwhile the revival is going on, the other ministers having taken up the labors so abruptly abandoned by Rev. Vogt.

Said to Be Exaggerated.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There is considerable excitement here to-day over reports published in eastern papers that there is a smallpox epidemic in this city, and that the refugees are fleeing from the city by hundreds. The facts are simply these: There are about forty cases of smallpox in and around Denver. The health commissioner to-night made affidavit that there were but four cases within the city limits, the remaining thirty-six cases being quarantined in the pest house several miles from the city limits. The board of health and city officials are taking every precaution to prevent the disease becoming general. Citizens of the city have evinced no fear over the fact that there is smallpox here as every winter it is more or less prevalent, but generally in a mild form. So far only two deaths have occurred and people have no fear of an epidemic.

Cotton Warehouse Burned.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 18.—A cotton warehouse on the Liverpool docks burned to-day, entailing a loss of $250,000.

A SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

Several Hundred Cases Said to Exist in Denver.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—Seven persons fleeing from the smallpox scourge at Denver arrived in the city last night en route east. They report that business is very much demoralized, and people are getting out of the city by every train. They say that from the best authority they could obtain there are 350 cases of the disease in different stages now in that city, and that fully 700 of them are in the city pest house. Very little or no attention has been paid to quarantine, and in many residences where cases exist there are no placards to denote its presence. The newspapers of the city have refrained from making a mention of the scourge, and hundreds of people are thrown in contact with it through ignorance. Within the last two or three weeks a number of people afflicted with the disease have come away from Denver and stopped in different towns in Kansas. Seven cases were taken to Oberlin, Kan., and there isolated to prevent the spread of the disease. Two cases were sent to Kansas City and were at once taken in charge by the health authorities.

City Physician Fee discredits the statements made by the fugitives from Denver. While he thinks that it is probable that there are a number of cases in that city, Dr. Fee does not deem it necessary to quarantine against Denver until more authentic information is received. Should the reports prove true, it will be necessary for the authorities here to use precautions to prevent the introduction of the disease in this city.

A few weeks ago the attention of the city physician was called to a case of smalipox in the west bottoms, and it was found that the sufferer had just arrived from Denver, having been employed as a clerk in one of the hotels in that city. The man was taken to the hospital and recovered in a few days.

The winter season is so far advanced that it is not probable that an outbreak would occur here after such mild temperature during the first half of the winter.

M'DONALD KNOCKED OUT.

Cardiff Puts Him to Sleep in the Fourth Round.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Paddy McDonald, the pride of the Zenith city, went down before Patsy Cardiff, of Minneapolis, to-night in the fourth round. In the first two rounds the Duluth man fought gamely and often landed on the big Flour city pugilist, but in the third Cardiff put in a couple of stinging right handers on McDonald's jaw, each of which sent him to grass. He was barely saved by the call of time. At the opening of the fourth round Cardiff went at his man hammer and tongs, rushing him around the ring and into the ropes. Just as the watches ticked out a minute and a half the Minneapolis slugger feinted with his left, and with a lightning upper cut with his right caught the Duluthian in the jugglar, which sent him down in a heap, and he did not recover for a minute. Cardiff came out without a scratch. McDonald was badly battered. Conley, the Ithaca giant, acted as referee.

Affairs at Port-au-Prince.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Jan. 18.—The steamship Haytien Republic was run into by the Haytien gunboat Novelle Voidrogue on the night of December 20, inflicting but slight injuries to either vessel. The Haytien gunboat was entering the harbor at full speed and could have steamed to her anchorage without any change of course, but when within 200 yards of the Haytien Republic her helm was suddenly put to port and remained so until she struck that vessel. The gunboat was hailed, but no answer was made, neither did her captain attempt to ascertain the amount of damage done or offer assistance. After ascertaining the damage done the Galena sent an armed boat's crew to the offending gunboat, where the statement was made that the jamming of the tiller ropes was the cause of the collision. It is the opinion that it was a deliberate attempt to sink the released ship. It is a question whether the scheme was by other authority than the captain of the gunboat.

The board of the Galena's officers met next day and a demand for an investigation was made upon the Haytien government. These reports will be considered and redress demanded.

Upon the return of the Galena from Kingston, Jamaica, on January 9 Admiral Luce notified the Haytien government that he considered the blockade of all the northern ports voluntarily raised because of the desertion of their post by all the blockading squadron. He wrote to Secretary Whitney that in case of the illegal seizure of any other American vessels he would "demand their release at the cannon's mouth."

Legitime continues his arrest of alleged conspirators, many being of persons supposed to be his supporters. No organized conspiracy seems to have existed, but only individual dissatisfaction. Hippolyte remains encamped about twenty miles from Port-au-Prince, waiting the overthrow of Legitime by his own people and the peaceful surrender of the city. By not using force he wishes to win the approval of the southern department in his candidacy for president.

No Sickness on the Galena.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Atlas line steamer which arrived here to-day reports that the United States steamer Galena was at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 10th inst. Admiral Luce reported there was no sickness whatever on board the cruiser.

Ward Creates a Sensation.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—A sensation was created in the state senate this morning when Senator Ward, who championed the cause of United States Senator Sabin in the republican caucus last night, introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges of bribery in the senatorial fight. Generally the legislators express great surprise at the resolution, asserting that no such charges have been heard from. The resolution, however, was adopted, there being only one negative vote.

The Wabash and the Scalpers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—It is now charged that the Wabash railroad is selling a large number of thousand-mile tickets to scalpers in Chicago and St. Louis, allowing them to sign any name they please to the printed contract on the tickets. It is claimed that these tickets are sold at a rate of $20, the regular rate being $25, enabling scalpers to sell them at a profit much lower than it is possible for the regular agents of the Wabash to sell them over their own counters.

Baldwin Acquitted.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 18.—The trial of Frederick Baldwin, who was accused of the murder of Edward L. Miller, a divinity student whose body was found at Westfield on July 15, ended this afternoon in a verdict of acquittal. Baldwin fell on his knees in prayer and thanksgiving, while the crowd cheered the verdict. Baldwin and his family were escorted through the streets of the city by hundreds of people.

Sioux Falls Rates Advanced.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The general freight agents of the western and northwestern roads agreed to-day on an 8 per cent advance in rates from Chicago and Milwaukee to Sioux Falls, to take effect February 1. For some time past Sioux Falls has been allowed the same rates that apply to Sioux City, although the distance is greater.

Business Troubles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—C. Rosswag & Son, manufacturing jewelers and diamond dealers, one of the oldest houses in the trade, failed yesterday, and their stores were seized by the sheriff under an execution and attachments amounting to $30,054. The liabilities are $50,000.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA TOWNS.

The St. Paul Elopers Married at Grand Island.

THEY ARE WAITING FOR HIM

A Kansas Horse Thief Captured in Omaha Who is Wanted By a Mob With Lynching Proclivities.

They Were Married.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Coronet and the fifteen-year-old daughter of Charles Abbott, of this city, who eloped on Tuesday, have been found. They drove to Grand Island, were married and returned to a brother's house five miles south of St. Paul, where they have since remained. The girl's family are greatly distressed over the matter.

Ponca Notes.

PONCA, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Ponca and the northeastern corner of Dixon county, is experiencing a genuine real estate boom. Within the last month an unprecedented amount of land transfers have taken place at advances of 50 and 200 per cent. Farm land, worth from $10 to $20 per acre has sold for $100, and large tracts adjoining the town have been bought up for from $300 to $500 an acre.

From the present outlook the approaching city election in this place will be the most bitterly and closely contested of any that has ever occurred here. The issue will be license or no license, and the voting population is pretty evenly divided in their views.

A great wave of religious feeling seems to have struck Ponca of laste. Several meetings have been and are still being held at two of the churches in the town.

A lodge of the Knights of Pythias has been organized at this place and is at present in a flourishing condition. It now has a membership of nearly fifty and two or three new members are added at each weekly meeting. The organization is at present engaged in preparations to celebrate the silver anniversary of the society, which occurs February 19.

Beatrice Items.

BEATRICE, Jan. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mrs. Charles Stevens, who lived a few miles south west of here, died yesterday of typhoid fever after being sick but one week. The remains will be taken east for interment to-morrow. She was a sister of G. R. and W. W. Scott, general merchants of this place.

Mrs. William Morse died suddenly at her her home near Beatrice, yesterday, probably of heart disease. She expired instantly after being taken ill.

The state insurance specials are in session over the occupation tax, and on re-rating the city. The companies will pay the tax, but will get it all back sooner or later in increased rates. The present re-rating lowers some risks and raises some, making the average about the same as before. They have the local agents all in the board, under a strong agreement not to cut rates or give rebates.

Abducted Child Found.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The child which was abducted by E. F. Donlon, at Omaha, on Monday night last, has been found. The mother from whom it was stolen, by the assistance of her parents who reside in this city, and friends at Weeping Water, succeeded in finding the child in the care of a Miss Roberts, of Weeping Water. Upon the promise of that lady that she would not give up the child, the mother has returned to Omaha. It is not known where Donlon is.

Horse Thief Captured.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 18.—A horse thief giving the name of Brown sold a stolen team here a few days ago, and the next day returned to Kansas, where he stole a team and nine head of horses and shipped them to Omaha, where he was captured. To-day he was identified by his Nebraska City victim. He will be taken to Kansas, where it is reported a mob waits him and he will undoubtedly be lynched. He is a member of an organized band operating in Kansas and Nebraska.

Caught Burlarizing.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Cyrus Curry, an all-round crook, was caught to-day burglarizing the residence of L. E. Spencer. He was caught in the act and promptly jailed. He has been before the police court twice before in the last few months, and is known in other towns as a tough. To-day's exploit is a penitentiary offense.

Peace in Gosper County.

ELWOOD, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The county officers met to-day and decided to move all county records from Homersville to Elwood Monday next. This virtually settles all controveries with reference to the county seat of Gosper county.

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Articles of incorporation of the Nebraska City Hospital association will be filed to-morrow. The articles are signed by forty representative business men.

A. G. A. R. Appointment.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the G. A. R., has issued a circular letter to be sent to the commanders of all departments, appointing Charles P. Lincoln, commander of the department of the Potomac, special aide-de-camp, from whom can be obtained all instructions as to the position and rank to be given to each Grand Army department attending the inauguration of President Harrison. Mr. Lincoln is in Washington, and is making preparations for the entertainment of all old soldiers who will attend the exercises.

A Cigarmakers' Strike.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—All the cigarmakers employed in the forty Havana manufactories in this city went on a strike to-day against a reduction of $2 per 1,000, which the bosses made eighteen months ago. One thousand hands are out. The strikers are mostly Cubans, with a sprinkling of Americaas and Spaniards. Their work is all hand-made and brings the best prices in the market. Three firms have already given notice of concessions.

Praying For Admission.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 18.—A memorial to the president and congress of the United States passed the New Mexico legislature assembly to day by a unanimous vote, praying for the admission of the territory into the union.

"Glass-Eye" Cook Convicted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—In the federal court to-day John, alias "Glass-Eye" Cook, the man supposed to have been Bobby Adams' accomplice in the Minneapolis postoffice robbery in 1886, was found guilty. The sentence has not been pronounced, but will probably be five years in the penitentiary.

The Regular Pullman Dividend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The directors of the Pullman Palace Car company to-day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent.

Earthquake in Scotland.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A shock of earthquake was felt to-day in a portion of the Leith valley and in western Edinburg.

A JOKE ON MR. ADAMS.

A Colored Crank Claims to Be His Creditor For $360,000,000.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—President Charles Francis Adams, of the Union Pacific, is the victim of a rather embarrassing joke. In Putnam, Conn., there resides an aged and half crazy darkey named Pete Anderson. He is nearly a century old, and over seven feet in stature, although bent with age. His mania was that he was the guardian of an immense treasure of gold, worth over $100,000,000. A few days since, while home, he met with an accident, being struck on the head with a piece of scantling. This changed the chain of his scattered ideas and he imagined that he had been beaten by robbers and his treasures stolen. He worried the Putnam police so that one of them gave him a bogus check, saying, "pay bearer $300,000,000," and signed it Charles Francis Adams. Pete showed this around Putnam in great glee, and started out to hunt up Mr. Adams. Hearing that he lived in Boston, he started on foot and arrived here penniless three days ago. He went to the negro section in the west end, and, showing his check, was treated like a prince. To-day he started out to find a lawyer, and by his advice visited William E. MacDonald, the well known corporation lawyer, who, appreciating the joke, and knowing Mr. Adams well, started for the Union Pacific offices with his dusty crank in tow.

Being known to the clerks, MacDonald and and his charge went into the president's room, where Mr. Adams and John Quincy Adams were in conversation. Mr. Adams was astonished, but MacDonald laughingly told him that he had a creditor of his. He then told Pete that Mr. Adams was present, and, as he claimed to know him, to pick him out. The darkey went up to John Quincy, and, taking hold of his head, nearly twisted it off to get a look at it. He shook his head, and, trotting over to Charles Francis, before that dignified being could interfere, took his head between his hands and held it as in a vice, stooped over and peering into his face, yelled out: "Dat's de man; dat's de man."

Letting go of the dismayed president, he executed a dance, and, pulling out his check, demanded the money on the spot. Everyone was laughing at the victim, when the latter got his faculties back and tried to argue, but the darkey wouldn't listen and demanded his money. He raised a terrible uproar until Mr. Adams, writing his name, showed the crank that it wasn't the same writing, and denied that he was the right man. This settled the darkey, who began to cry, saying that if he didn't get the money the West End darkies would kill him for a fraud. The old man was finally carried out of the office, and to-night was hunting the streets for his lost millions. Mr. Adams says he wants to know the Putnam policeman who forged his name.

CABINET TALK.

The "World" Asserts that Platt has No Show.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A special to the World from Washington says: I have positive information, obtained from an active member of the republican national executive committee, only recently returned from the west, the publication of whose name is, of course, prohibited, but whose identity can be readily guessed, that General Harrison has decided not to appoint Thomas C. Platt to the secretaryship of the treasury, or, in fact, to any other cabinet position. He has also fully determined not to give Warner Miller the treasury portfolio, although he may invite Mr. Miller to become the new member of the president's advisory board—the commissioner of agriculture. Whether Miller will accept this appointment or not is a matter of conjecture. He is anxious to "get in" and may throw aside the little disappointment he may feel in losing the more important position and accept the commissionership. The treasury portfolio is not to go to New York. You can put that down as a positive fact. Where it is to go my informant did not know. New York will, however, be offered another portfolio in the shape of the navy, attorney generalship or postmaster generalship, and will thus have, should Miller accept, two representatives in the cabinet. Outside of the secretaryship of the treasury and secretary of state it is certain that the president-elect has determined upon the members of his official family. These two important offices are still debatable in his mind, although it is pretty clear that he has come close to a decision in one of them.

BROMLEY RESIGNS.

President Adams Has no More Use for Him.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—Isaac H. Bromley, assistant to President Adams of the Union Pacific, retires March 1, due to the collapse of the effort of the company to come to an amicable understanding with the government, which negotiations were conducted under the auspices of Mr. Bromley, he having been appointed for that purpose. The company will make no further efforts in this direction.

In accepting the resignation Mr. Adams replied: "We have not got a settlement with the government, nor are we likely to get one, but the tone of the press toward us has, largely through your exertions, been greatly moderated and our case is fairly understood. Under these circumstances I do not see any field for active work which remains for you here. It would be otherwise did I have any intention of entering on any wide effort at railroad reform calling for discussion through the press. I have no hope of being able to attempt anything of that sort in the short time left to me. I have wasted four years in a futile attempt at an honest settlement, and have no more years to give to the work."

Mr. Bromley has no positive plans for the future.

Anti-Trust Legislation.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a lively discussion in the senate to day over a resolution calling for an investigation of the beef and pork combine, the resolution being the special order for the day. It directs the governor to correspond with the governors of interested states with a view to securing joint action and uniform legislation through a convention of members of the legislatures of the several states, each to be represented by three senators and five representatives. Senator Gillett, author of the resolution, made a vigorous assault upon beef and pork trusts, which, he alleged, had exerted a powerful influence towards centralizing the markets in Chicago and Kansas City and bringing the beef product of the United States under absolute control. He claimed that the prices now offered for beef cattle in Kansas offered to the producer no profit whatever, and that thereby the great industry of Kansas had been greatly injured and would, if the combine was not broken up completely, destroy the business in Kansas. He asserted that this combine was directly responsible for the present low price of the beef product, and urged that legislation should be immediately enacted which would tend to protect the stock growers and farmers against the manipulations of the trust. Senator Buchanan believed that this trust existed only in the imagination of the newspapers. Senator Kelly wanted to include the grain trust, which he said was just as destructive to the grain interests of Kansas. After some further discussion the resolution was adopted without opposition.

Cabinet News From England.

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LONDON, Jan. 18.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The Wolverhampton Evening Express, the proprietor of which, Counsellor Graham, is an old friend of Andrew Carnegie, says that a cable from New York states that Carnegie has been offered the secretaryship of the interior by President Harrison.

FROM THE HAWKEYE STATE.

The Mason City Septegenarian's Challenge Open to the World.

A HEAVY FAILURE AT DES MOINES

Indictments Returned in the Iowa City Saloon Cases—A Deacon Pleads Guilty to Violating the Prohibitory Law.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following decisions were filed by the supreme court to-day:

Mary Jacobs, appellant, vs Marcus Snyder, Oceana Snyder and Minnie Jacobs; Dickinson district; reversed.

Spencer Dody vs W. K. Brown et al, appellants; Ringgold district; affirmed.

Fred Galliers, appellant, vs William Peppers et al; Monroe district; affirmed.

William Derring & Co., appellants, vs James Irving; Franklin district; affirmed.

The Frost Manufacturing company, appellant, vs T. G. Foster, administrator of the estate of E. D. Rand, deceased; Wisconsin Malleable Iron company, appellant, vs the same defendant; Andrews Brothers & Co., appellants, vs the same defendant; Des Moines district; affirmed.

C. H. Towslee, appellant, vs L. W. Russell, defendant, and J. V. Hinchman, intervenor; Mills district; affirmed.

Aaron McCleeery vs J. A. Wakefield and Henry Cooper, appellants; Monroe district; reversed.

The trustees of funds and donations of the diocese of Iowa of the Protestant Episcopal church, appellant, vs city of Anamosa; Jones district; reversed.

A New Railroad Company.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Some time since articles of incorporation were drawn and signed by half a hundred of Creston's most prominent business men. The company was formed for the purpose of building a line of railroad from Creston to Van Wert, to connect there with the Keokuk & Western, the company to be known as the Creston & Southeastern. The incorporators and stockholders met here and nine directors were elected. The incorporation papers will be filed shortly with the secretary of state. The following are the names of the directors elected: J. A. Rawls, William Grounds, D. H. Brooks, A. B. Devoe, J. B. Harsh, F. A. Heinly, S. A. Brewster, C. S. Rex and A. P. Stephens. A connection with the Rock Island at Winterset, Ia., is talked of. This would make a new route to Des Moines and Chicago.

Closed By the Sheriff.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The "B. & L. Department store," as it was called, doing a general merchandise business here, was closed by the sheriff to-day for the creditors. The liabilities are placed by Bradstreets at $75,000. The assets, including stock on hand, will amount to $50,000. The principal creditors who made attachments to day were the Iowa National bank, for $4,000, and John V. Farwell, of Chicago, for $7,500. The firm also confessed judgment to the amount of over $8,000 in the interest of some absent creditors. The firm is composed of two Jews, formerly of Chicago, named Barnett and Lichenstein. They have been in business in this city for a little more than a year.

Owen Challenges the World.

MASON CITY, Ia., Jan. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—He who regards the challenge recently extended by A. C. Owen, of this city, to run any man in the United States, seventy-nine years of age, a forty-rod foot race, and to crack his heels three times in the last final lap, as a "fake," widely misses the